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Volume II, 2002 Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department



Firefighter Robin M. Lotz (left) and Master Technician Jerry L. Smith, Station 24, A-Shift, operate from the bucket. Firefighters battled this two-alarm service station fire, at 6817 Richmond Highway, for approximately one hour.



Edward L. Stinnette

"We must continue to build a strong community-based Department that addresses not only the current needs of our citizens, but anticipate what they will need tomorrow."

From The Fire Chief . . .

Once again, the Department has concluded another budget season and has been successful with various initiatives. We've achieved increased funding for most of our capital, operating, and personnel costs, kept pace with the cost of living with surrounding jurisdictions, and continue to provide benefits at a high level. Additionally, due to the combined effort and hard work of the Board of Supervisors, the County Executive, and a lot of Department members, our organization has achieved additional staff positions for our Hazardous Material Response Team. The 21 positions were needed to fully staff the HMU and the HMSU 24/7 without degrading the capability of the assigned engine and ambulance at the Oakton Fire and Rescue Station. The two additional administrative support folks that we gained with the HMU were also a definite plus, and is in line with our overall Needs Assessment Plan that we've developed. I feel it is just as important to budget these staff support positions or we will keep on stealing operational personnel to fill these critical roles. Overall, we have positioned our organization to better address the needs of providing emergency services and have enhanced our infrastructure with this long overdue staffing need.

But we can't rest on our achievements, nor our past laurels. There are still a lot of challenges that we face if we are to maintain our position as a leader in the fire service community. We must continue to build a strong community-based Department that addresses not only the current needs of our citizens, but

anticipate what they will need tomorrow. We must look at the demographics of our citizenry; we must study how other departments work; and we must continually examine how we do business in order to improve our service delivery. Additionally, you must serve as leaders in our organization and continue to be good listeners in our communities. Service with excellence is not a statement, but a mindset. It is achieved after careful planning, providing for the needs of groups and individuals, and initiating changes that will improve the quality of life for those around us. "To protect and to serve" is what we do, and we must continually challenge ourselves to do better each time we're asked for help.

As I continue to address our strategic planning process with each of you, I want everyone to understand the importance of the framework that the strategic planning document has provided. The strategic planning document identifies the key components as being our **vision**, our **mission statement**, and our **statement of core values**. These components are the foundation for achieving service with excellence. Each of our values reinforce what we stand for, who we are, and why we're the best at what we do. Similar to hydraulics moving water through hose, our values provide the cornerstone for our organization. If we are to suppress fires by initiating the proper pressure on our hose lines, and opening the correct valves, we can only initiate service excellence by knowing and the practicing guiding principles of our organization. Take a long hard look at that document. Study it and you'll see that these are not just words on a piece of paper. It is you, and it is what you are, and it is the framework of why we're the best at what we do. ♦

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From The Editor . . .



As we get set to launch our strategic plan, I thought it would be appropriate to select one of our core values and discuss its meaning and applicability in our everyday work. The core value I'm spotlighting is **Community Service and Involvement**.

We define **Community Service and Involvement** as having "a duty to be involved in the communities where we work. Our responsibility is to protect life, property, and the environment. We are committed to fulfilling our responsibility and deepening our involvement in the community we serve. No request or inquiry will go unanswered."

Having just finished Celebrate Fairfax, it's very easy to cite that event as another great opportunity to interact with the community. Like anything, just because there is a fresh opportunity doesn't always mean its taken advantage of. However, in this case we clearly put forward our best, and proactively showed our citizens their Fire and Rescue Department does care about them and we'll be there for them when we're called. Everyone that worked Celebrate Fairfax truly showed they cared about people and that we'll be there, 24-7. We can be proud of what we accomplished and how we did it—it was all genuine and I believe it came across that way.

I'd like to now explore part two of the core value: "No request or inquiry will go unanswered." Oftentimes, this kind of commitment is difficult to accomplish. The response most often heard is that it's someone else's job or responsibility. Rising to the occasion and taking on a task, or a call, that doesn't fit neatly into fire suppression or a medical emergency isn't always easy and sometimes tests our mettle.

The calls we get for public service run the gamut. We usually get them because people don't know who else to call or ask. Everyone else either doesn't want to get involved or tells them to look in the yellow pages. It's then when we take on those challenging calls that truly separates us from corporate America and some other government agencies. Whether it's a pet bird that flew out of the house, a vehicle lockout, a tree falling and blocking a car, no matter what the perceived emergency; we have a unique opportunity to do the right thing.

Judging from the letters that the Fire Chief receives from citizens, (See page 12) we overwhelmingly do the right thing. The word on the street is that the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department **CARES**.



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Child Passenger Safety Biweekly 2002 Checkpoints*

Date	Shift	Station	Time
July 31	A	Academy	3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
August 28	B	Burke Conservancy	3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
September 30	A	Academy	3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
October 28	B	Academy	3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
November 25	A	Academy	3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
December 19	C	Academy	3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

*The Fire and Rescue Department Child Passenger Safety Program has made significant changes to the "checkpoint" schedule for the remainder of 2002. Please make note of these changes and ensure all personnel are aware of the new schedule.

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File of Life . . . A True Success Story

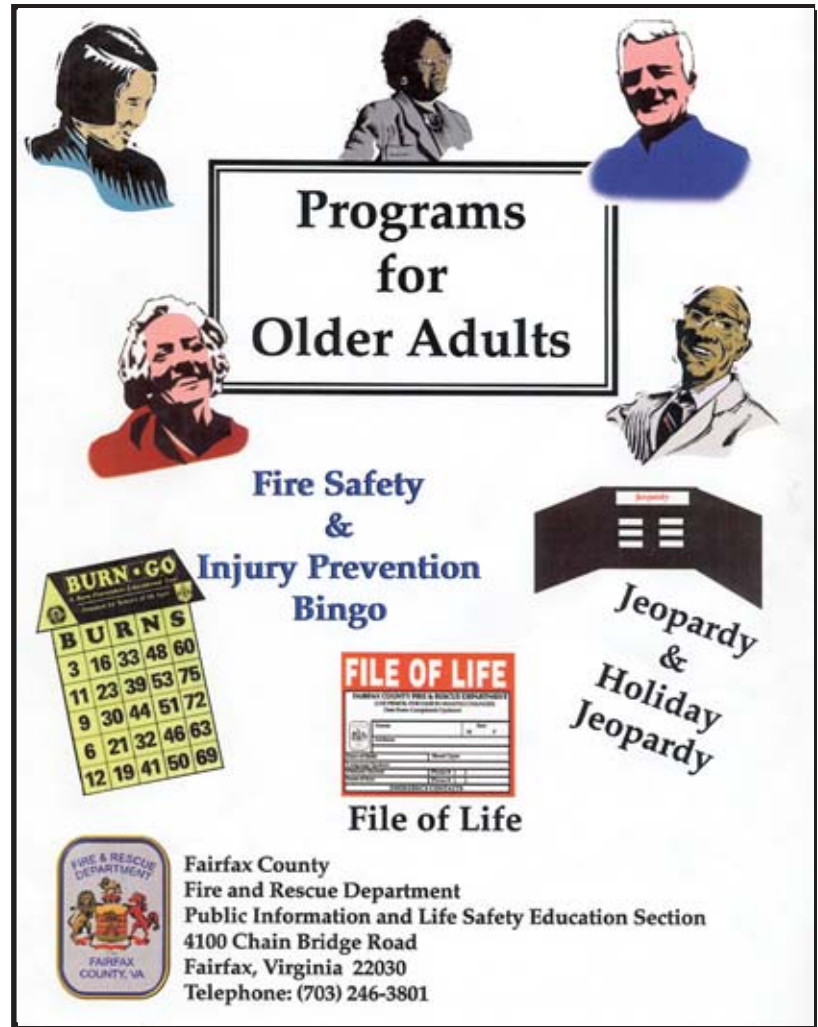
By Mary Cramer and Debra Showalter
Public Information and Life Safety Education Section

The File of Life is one of many programs offered by the "Every Step of the Way" program in the Public Information and Life Safety Education Section. The program has been a huge success. Presentations are conducted at senior centers, libraries, recreation centers, churches, assisted living facilities, retirement centers, and are also given to other special groups. The File of Life is also carried on fire and rescue apparatus and in all fire and rescue stations.

The File of Life is a red plastic envelope with a magnetic strip on the back, inside the plastic sleeve is a two-sided insert card that lists medical information. The card should be filled out in pencil to ensure it can be easily updated. The completed file should then be placed on the front of the patient's refrigerator in plain view for emergency response personnel.

The File of Life program is very popular among older adults. However, it can actually be used for a person of any age who lives alone or has a significant medical condition. During an emergency situation, an individual may not be able to communicate their medical history, their condition could cause them to be unconscious, or they could just be confused and anxious. The File of Life is an easy way for paramedics to quickly determine the patient's medical information at a time when seconds can make a difference in the patient's outcome.

To help make this service available to the citizens of our county who are in need, always have a supply of files readily available. The File of Life is available from Public Information and Life Safety Education, call (703) 246-3514. ❖



Programs for Older Adults

Fire Safety & Injury Prevention Bingo

Jeopardy & Holiday Jeopardy

File of Life

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Jenny Showalter (right) of the Public Information and Life Safety Education Section quizzes seniors about how to use a "File of Life" at the second annual "Stroke Is No Dancing Matter" Health & Safety Day held at Fire and Rescue Station 14 on May 29, 2002.



Fire and Rescue Academy Again Maintains Self-Certification Status

*By Deputy Chief David L. Rohr
Fire and Rescue Academy*

On March 21, 2002, the Fire and Rescue Academy received its annual re-accreditation status from the Virginia Department of Fire Programs and the Virginia Fire Services Board. This is an annual process the Department undergoes to maintain its self-certification status. This re-accreditation validates that we have met the requirements of a self-certifying agency within the auspices of and under the guidelines, policies, and direction of the Virginia Department of Fire Programs (VDFP) and the Virginia Fire Services Board.

The purpose of the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (NBFSPQ) is to establish an internationally recognized means of acknowledging professional achievement in the fire service and related fields. The accreditation of organizations that certify uniformed members of public fire departments, both career and volunteer, is their primary goal. The Department has been an approved self-certifying agency since 1989.

The NBFSPQ is sponsored by five prominent fire service organizations: International Association of Fire Chiefs, International Association of Arson Investigators, National Fire Protection Association, National Association of State Fire Marshals, and North American Fire Training Directors. Each organization seats one member on the Board of Directors, formulating policy and operational oversight of the system. The Committee on Accreditation is comprised of representatives appointed by each of the

sponsoring organizations and representatives elected by the accredited agencies. They are charged with the task of accreditation through review of applications, site visits, and implementation of policy set by the Board of Directors. The Advisory Committee is comprised of delegates from all of the accredited agencies.

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department currently offers certifications in NFPA 1001 (FF I, II), NFPA 1021 Fire Officer (I, II, III), NFPA 1041 Fire Instructor (I, II, III), and NFPA 1031 Fire Inspector, that can be applied to the National Pro Board Certification Process. Because we are an accredited agency under the delegated authority of the VDFP, department members may apply directly to the NBFSPQ for certification. This can be done through an application available at the Fire and Rescue Academy or through their website at <http://www.npqs.win.net>.

So what are the advantages of becoming certified through the NBFSPQ? Each successful candidate for certification from an accredited agency knows that he or she has been measured against peers and meets rigorous national standards. National certification affords the individual uniformity and portability of qualifications. In addition, having members certified to national consensus standards enhances the credibility of an organization.

The academy is currently working on a curriculum to present to the state for approval for rescue company certification in accordance with NFPA 1670 Operations and Training for Technical Rescue Incidents. ♦



Candidate Physical Abilities Test Continues On Course

*By Lieutenant Patrick J. Morrison
Occupational Health and Safety*

On December 16, 2000, the Department unveiled a new entrance level test called the Candidate Physical Abilities Test (CPAT). The CPAT was developed by the IAFF/IAFC Joint Labor/Management Wellness-Fitness Initiative Task Force comprised of ten departments across the country. The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and IAFF Local 2068 are members of this important task force. The task force began the validation process by assembling a technical committee with experts in the fields of fire fighting, test construction, test validation, employment law, and exercise physiology. These experts reviewed job analyses, job descriptions, and physical ability tests currently existing in the represented jurisdictions.

The technical committee then conducted a job task analysis in each department, identifying highly critical and highly physical essential tasks performed at the emergency scene. Equipment surveys were sent to each department identifying the type, size, and weight of tools, and personal protective clothing. Results from both surveys were then used to design the test events. The events replicate the actual tasks performed by firefighters and the likely sequence of an actual fire fighting incident. The test requires the candidate to continuously progress along a predetermined path from event to event. The events include the following:

- Stair Climb
- Hose Drag
- Equipment Carry
- Ladder Raise and Extension
- Forcible Entry

- Search
- Rescue
- Ceiling Breach and Pull

This is a pass/fail test based on a validated maximum total time of 10 minutes and 20 seconds. During the first event, the candidate wears a 50-pound vest and two 12.5-pound shoulder weights to simulate protective gear and a high-rise pack. The shoulder weights are removed after the first event and the candidate continues to wear the 50-pound vest for the remaining events. Each prop was carefully designed and built to replicate real fire fighting scenarios.

An important aspect of this test is required orientation and training sessions for the applicant. At least eight weeks prior to the actual test date, applicants will have the opportunity to view test events, talk with Peer Fitness Instructors and physically examine each test component in a controlled setting.

In addition, CPAT development was conducted in full compliance with the test and validity criteria established by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, United States Department of Justice Employment Litigation Section, and the United States Department of Labor and the American Psychological Standards for Educational and Psychological Test Standards. The goal was to develop a fair and valid evaluation system in the selection of new recruits. The CPAT is now the standard by which applicants are tested and challenged. ❖

105th Recruit School



*Firefighter
Duane N. Black III
Fire and Rescue Station 21
C-Shift*



*Firefighter
Carolyn P. Carmody
Fire and Rescue Station 14
B-Shift*



*Firefighter
Colleen M. Chapman
Fire and Rescue Station 26
A-Shift*



*Firefighter
Justin D. Childs
Fire and Rescue Station 36
A-Shift*



*Firefighter
Aron J. Corwin
Fire and Rescue Station 19
A-Shift*



*Firefighter
Matthew T. Cox
Fire and Rescue Station 31
C-Shift*



*Firefighter
Anthony D. Craft
Fire and Rescue Station 5
B-Shift*



*Firefighter
Marguerite D. Dabe-Colby
Fire and Rescue Station 28
B-Shift*



*Firefighter
Trisha A. Danula
Fire and Rescue Station 36
B-Shift*



*Firefighter
Mary J. Getts
Fire and Rescue Station 1
C-Shift*



*Firefighter
John D. Hollingsworth
Fire and Rescue Station 36
C-Shift*



*Firefighter
Thomas N. Johnson
Fire and Rescue Station 31
A-Shift*



*Firefighter
Brenden J. Petersburg
Fire and Rescue Station 10
B-Shift*



*Firefighter
Matthew E. Phillips
Fire and Rescue Station 29
B-Shift*



*Firefighter
Marc O. Saldivar
Fire and Rescue Station 11
A-Shift*



*Firefighter
Jay W. Smith
Fire and Rescue Station 11
C-Shift*



*Firefighter
John E. Smith
Fire and Rescue Station 37
C-Shift*



*Firefighter
Michael S. Snapp
Fire and Rescue Station 10
C-Shift*



*Firefighter
Robert J. Williams
Fire and Rescue Station 10
A-Shift*



*Firefighter
Scott Zimmerman
Fire and Rescue Station 29
A-Shift*

Hot Shots



Fire and Rescue Department units responded to a mobile home fire at 14712 National Drive in the Chantilly area. A space heater placed too close to combustibles caused the fire. One adult male received first and second degree burns to his face and hands and was transported to Inova Fair Oaks Hospital. Four adults and two children were displaced.



Firefighters and paramedics, along with Medical Director Thom Mayer, evaluate and treat a construction worker who was freed from under a concrete slab. The patient was medivaced to the Inova Fairfax Hospital trauma unit.



A structure collapse at 8207 Terminal Road resulted in the death of one construction worker and caused a second worker to be pinned by a concrete slab for more than one hour.



Eighty firefighters and thirty department units responded to this three-alarm Herndon garden apartment fire in the 2200 block of Astoria Circle. The building was under construction at the time of the fire and was approximately 50 percent complete. Damages are estimated at \$1.5 million.



Rescue workers from Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department search for a missing victim believed to be buried beneath the debris of his home following the touchdown of a tornado in Laplata, Maryland. Many homes and businesses were affected within an eight mile radius. (Photo by Sheldon Levi)



Restaurant Fire . . . The Afghan Kabob restaurant located at 6357 Rolling Road received extensive fire and smoke damage. Firefighters reported heavy fire and smoke coming through the windows and roof. Fire investigators determined the cause to be accidental and electrical in nature.



Newly completed Fire and Rescue Station 14 was officially dedicated on May 4, 2002. Officials present at the hose uncoupling were left to right: Peter Murphy, Chairman, Fairfax County Planning Commission; Chief Edward L. Stinnette, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department; Elaine McConnell, Supervisor, Springfield District; Chairman Kate Hanley, Board of Supervisors, Eric Cramer, President, Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department; Sharon Bulova, Supervisor, Braddock District; Chief Donald Melick, Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department; and Captain II Joseph Kaleda, Station Commander.



Lightning causes Oakton building fire . . . a two-story commercial building located at 2944 Hunter Mill Road, Hunter Mill Plaza, sustained significant damage. Damages to the structure were estimated to be \$1.2 million. (Photo by Sheldon Levi)

Peer Fitness Trainers— Who are they and what do they do?

*By Lieutenant Ronald A. Gemsheim
Station 5, A-Shift*

Peer fitness trainers are uniformed fire and rescue personnel who have volunteered to join the Peer Fitness Program. The role of peer fitness trainers is to ensure that fire and rescue personnel are provided with the resources, time, and expertise to achieve and maintain peak physical fitness levels. They also provide leadership through guidance and supervision, encourage safety, and participate in regular fitness programs.

Peer fitness trainers are responsible for a number of items including: personalized exercise programs, equipment use training, CPAT testing, and the work performance evaluation.

Personalized Exercise Programs

Trainers are given careful instruction in proper procedures for determining appropriate fitness regimens for individuals. Design of personalized exercise programs are based on a combination of factors, including an individual's need for specialized attention to specific weaknesses (upper body strength, endurance, etc.) and physical evaluation results. Personalized programs must be tailored to an individual needs and should be regularly monitored to ensure maximum benefit and safety. Individuals requesting a fitness program for treatment of a specific injury must have medical clearance from either their treating physician or the Department physician. Peer fitness trainers will also work with medical professionals to accomplish individual rehabilitation program goals.

Equipment Use Training

Peer fitness trainers are instructed in the proper use of equipment to ensure the safety of individuals under their tutelage. Manufacturer recommendations are carefully reviewed and all

peer fitness trainers must demonstrate a thorough understanding of the equipment they use before being allowed to participate in the program.

Recruit Training

Peer fitness trainers assist with recruit training by developing an exercise plan and overseeing their daily fitness training. It is essential to instill a fitness mentality that the recruit will carry with them throughout their career.

CPAT Testing

Peer fitness trainers assist the Recruitment Section with administering the Candidate Physical Ability Test. Their role is to ensure the consistency and reliability of the test.

Work Performance Test

Peer fitness along with the Occupational Health and Safety staff have been responsible for developing the Work Performance Evaluation. It is administered every two years unless a member fails. If failed, a member will then be retested annually. Peer fitness trainers are available to assist individuals with techniques and exercises to help prepare themselves for the test.

Additionally, peer fitness trainers receive continuing education and are working on certification through the American Council on Exercise that deals solely with the fitness needs of firefighters. They will also be visiting stations to give presentations on fitness, offering fitness evaluations, and helping shifts set-up in-house work performance evaluations.

If anybody has any questions or comments, please feel free to contact any peer fitness trainer on the list.

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TEAM ENTRY FORM

11th Annual Retiree's Golf Outing Evergreen Country Club

Captain's Choice/4 person scramble with team handicap

Sponsored by
**Fairfax County Fire & Rescue
Retirement Association, Inc.**

Monday, September 30, 2002
Evergreen Country Club
15900 Berkley Drive
Haymarket, Virginia 20169
Chris Hall
Head Golf Professional



Benefits the
**Firefighters' Fund
of Fairfax County**

Cash Prize on Par 3
Limited to 30 Teams,
Mulligan Available

Time

Lunch and Registration: 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Shot Gun Start: 1 p.m.
Dinner and Awards: 5:30 p.m.

Raffle

Set of 2002 Irons with Golf Bag

\$100 per Golfer Includes

- 1 Green Fees, Cart & Range Balls**
- 1 Beverages on Course**
- 1 Lunch & Dinner**
- 1 One Raffle Ticket for Clubs & Bag**

- 1 Gross & Net Division
(Long Drive, Closest to Pin Prizes)**
- 1 Awards Ceremony & Door Prizes**

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For further information on team entry forms, please contact:

Bill (Jr.) Green
703-255-5391
Ext. 209

Sonny Flynn
703-560-3715

Gary Pope
703-246-2410

Kim Hamilton
703-929-5187

Please make checks payable to:
Firefighters' Fund of Fairfax County

Mail to: Bill Green
4222 Lamarre Drive
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Appropriate Dress Required
NO jeans or cut-offs

Soft Spikes Only!

To the Brave Men and Women of Our Local Fire House

On March 19th, those of you who worked did something for me and I would like to thank you. Your job is one that puts you in the direction of danger on a daily basis, and yet you push on, to save lives and keep things from imminent destruction.

My family home, 8311 Riverside Road, where I grew up and my family still lives, had an electrical fire. I know that my mother called you, and within minutes, you arrived and did what for you was "your job." For her, it will be remembered as the most horrific event of her life. For you, it was another day at the office. Your fast response and skilled hands kept the fire

under control, and extinguished it before it took over everything.

We are in the middle of planning a wedding for July 6. My fiancée's wedding gown was stored in one of the upstairs bedrooms. Because of you, she will be able to wear that gown as she walks down that aisle this summer. Words cannot express my feelings.

I am proud to call you neighbor, although I do not know your face. I am proud to teach your children, in hopes that they will be like you as they grow older and wiser. You are the reason we defend America in foreign lands, as you stand for the bravery and brotherhood found in our

great land. The financial burden this has placed our family in is great, and so I am not able to offer a gift. All I have to give you is my adoration, my respect, my faith, and my prayers for your continued well-being. Your strength carries us through the rebuilding of our home and our lives. Your skills kept us from losing everything, as you caught the fire before it burned the entire house. I do not know how you do it, or why, but I thank God that you do, that you did that day, and that you may remain those faces and hands that carry us through trying times. May God bless and keep each one of you from harm.

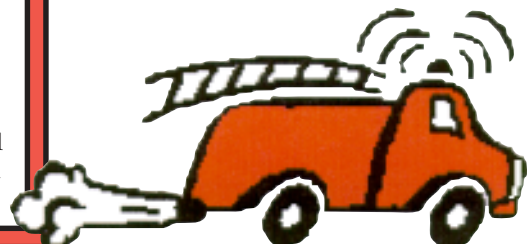
With undying respect,
Cassidy Nolen
Teacher

Top 10 Activity Report

April/May 2002

Ambulance		Engine Company		Rescue Company	
<u>Unit</u>	<u>Calls</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Calls</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Calls</u>
A 413	426	E 410	506	R 426	269
A 408	384	E 409	496	R 418	261
A 409	347	E 422	494	R 421	252
A 410	345	E 411	480	R 401	197
A 430	329	E 401	475	R 411	191
A 411	317	E 408	468	R 439	156
A 414	302	E 413	460	R 414	138
A 436	289	E 429	456	R 419	138
A 428	286	E 404	438		
A 423	267	E 421	434		
Medic		Battalion Chiefs & EMS Captains		Ladder Company	
<u>Unit</u>	<u>Calls</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Calls</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Calls</u>
M 418	559	EMS4	332	T 429	260
M 422	451	EMS5	312	T 425	241
M 426	448	EMS3	280	T 410	236
M 410	430	EMS2	235	T 408	212
M 408	427	EMS6	218	T 422	205
M 425	427	EMS1	188	T 430	174
M 429	420	BC04	181	T 401	163
M 404	408	BC02	93	T 439	152
M 421	408	BC05	93	T 405	151
M 411	399	BC01	91	T 424	140

Unit activity is compiled from the event history file. A unit must be dispatched to a call to be included in an event history file. A unit add-on is not considered a dispatch. Mutual aid dispatches are included in the activity report.



Large Loss Fire Investigations

Date: 3/01/02 Box: 4405 Address: 1107 Whitewater Place Type: Townhouse Cause: Incendiary Value: \$126,000 Loss: \$50,000 Status: Open
Date: 3/03/02 Box: 1801 Address: 6822 Barrett Road Type: House Cause: Accidental-Kitchen Value: \$165,000 Loss: \$50,000 Status: Closed
Date: 3/19/02 Box: 0143 Address: 6438 Chesterbrook Road Type: House Cause: Accidental-Ashes Value: \$450,000 Loss: \$200,000 Status: Closed
Date: 3/19/02 Box: 0900 Address: 8311 Riverside Road Type: House Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$250,000 Loss: \$50,000 Status: Closed
Date: 3/21/02 Box: 1823 Address: 3300 Gallows Road Type: Hospital Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$300,000,000 Loss: \$700,000 Status: Closed
Date: 3/29/02 Box: 2402 Address: 8607 Village Way Type: Apartment Cause: Accidental-Ashes Value: \$500,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 4/03/02 Box: 3400 Address: 3152 Elmendorf Drive Type: House Cause: Accidental-Vapor Value: \$431,000 Loss: \$200,000 Status: Closed
Date: 4/04/02 Box: 2119 Address: 12800 Melvine Court Type: House Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$200,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 4/05/02 Box: 1802 Address: 2776 Blocker Place Type: Townhouse Cause: Accidental-Lighter Value: \$200,000 Loss: \$200,000 Status: Closed
Date: 4/06/02 Box: 3200 Address: 5734 Lakeside Oaks Lane Type: Townhouse Cause: Under Investigation Value: \$201,517 Loss: \$130,000 Status: Open
Date: 4/08/02 Box: 1913 Address: 7307-C Lockport Place Type: Commercial Cause: Accidental-Matches Value: \$1,000,000 Loss: \$50,000 Status: Closed
Date: 4/14/02 Box: 2900 Address: 7925 Westpark Drive Type: Mid-Rise Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$9,000,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 4/15/02 Box: 2115 Address: 4618 West Ox Road Type: Trailer Cause: Accidental-Trash Value: \$60,000 Loss: \$60,000 Status: Closed
Date: 4/19/02 Box: 0500 Address: 6554 Greyledge Court Type: Townhouse Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$250,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 4/24/02 Box: 1100 Address: 6817 Richmond Highway Type: Commercial Cause: Under Investigation Value: \$300,000 Loss: \$300,000 Status: Open
Date: 4/26/02 Box: 2607 Address: 5534 Industrial Drive Type: Commercial Cause: Accidental-Smoking Value: \$300,000 Loss: \$50,000 Status: Closed
Date: 4/28/02 Box: 3401 Address: 2944 Hunter Mill Road Type: Commercial Cause: Accidental-Lightning Value: \$2,000,000 Loss: \$1,500,000 Status: Closed
Date: 4/30/02 Box: 0420 Address: 2270 Astoria Circle Type: Apartment Building Cause: Undetermined Value: \$1,500,000 Loss: \$1,500,000 Status: Open

Community Outreach Highlights



Department personnel from Fire and Rescue Stations 9 and 24 assume the role of Easter Bunny helpers at the Gables of Mount Vernon. (Right) Master Technician Willie F. Bailey (Fire and Rescue Station 24, B-Shift) and Thomas Wise present Ms. One Borsher, resident, an Easter basket.

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Peer Fitness Trainers

Lieutenant Patrick J. Morrison, Fitness Director,
Occupational Health and Safety
Lieutenant Ronald A. Gemsheim, Peer Fitness
Training Coordinator, Station 5, A-Shift

A-Shift:

Technician Rodney S. Vaughn, Lead, Station 30
Lieutenant Tracy E. Brinkley, Training Academy
Lieutenant Samuel L. Gray, Station 1
Master Technician Ralph M. Pisani, Station 36
Lieutenant Jerome I. Williams, Training Academy
Technician Rickie L. Atkins, Station 31
Technician Peter B. Masters, Station 21
Technician Evelyn G. Edwards, Station 15
Captain II Larry L. Collier, EMS 01
Firefighter Richard R. David, Station 5
Technician Joshua T. Allison, Station 4
Captain I R. Scott Lison, Station 39
Technician John G. Adams, Station 11
Technician Luther D. Campbell, Station 24

B-Shift:

Technician Lloyd B. Jackson, Lead, Station 31
Master Technician Willie F. Bailey, Station 24
Firefighter Danny C. Doyle, Station 10

Technician Linwood M. Frye, Station 27
Lieutenant Robert E. Wheeler, Station 19
Lieutenant Kimberly A. Lucas, Station 25
Lieutenant Joseph E. Knerr, Relief
Technician Kit R. Hessel, Station 14
Master Technician Glenn C. Jackson, Station 1
Firefighter Stephanie E. Seeley, Station 1
Captain I Karen A. Brinkley, Training Academy
Technician Philip C. Devereaux, Medic 407

C-Shift:

Technician Jill F. Young, Lead, Station 8
Lieutenant Ben A. Dye, Station 18
Firefighter Stacie L. Lawton, Station 39
Technician Eric D. Moore, Station 26
Technician Kristin A. Wallace, Station 17
Firefighter Colleen M. Wuckovich, Training
Academy
Technician Daniel D. Shaw, Station 10
Firefighter Eric M. Wyatt, Station 11
Firefighter Arnold J. Barrow, Station 2
Technician Antonio D. Trammel, Station 20
Technician Corey A. Matthews, Station 19
Technician Scott L. Kraut, Station 9
Lieutenant Barbara R. Silva, Station 24
Technician C. Lamont Payne, Station 12



Taking Up



**Lieutenant
Willie B. Sheard**

Entry Date: May 21, 1979

Retirement Date: April 19, 2002

Assignments: Fire and Rescue Stations 9, 10, 11, 19, EEO Office, and Recruitment.

Likes about the Fire Department:

Feeling that I got from being able to help people during some of the toughest ordeals of their lives.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: The comradeship that is inherent with fire house living.

Plans for the future: Nothing.

Watch and help raise my grandson, to be a good person/human being.

Words of wisdom: Use all of your safety equipment and procedures all of the time. Be safe, and for God's sake, watch your back.

What got you interested in the fire service? A report on the radio about the fire and rescue department's consent decree in the mid 1970's.

Who or what made an influence in your career? Roscoe Hagar, Ron Deskins, Richard Sweatt, Wayne Bennette, and David Bridges.

Firefighters' Fund Dinner, Dance, and Retirement Celebration November 1, 2002

The following individuals can be contacted to purchase tickets:

Captain Leo Burt, Station 37-C
Captain Glenn Tschann, Station 31-C
Chaplain Grant McIntosh
Shirley Walker, Fire and Rescue Academy
Captain Richard Sweatt, Massey Building
Jackie Lewis, Massey Building

Anniversaries

5 Years

Thomas A. Denner, Instructor III
Carl A. Ericson, Instructor III
Daniel L. Schmidt
Information Officer III

10 Years

Catherine A. Riley-Hall
Management Analyst IV

15 Years

Lieutenant Jeffrey E. Gay
Sandra J. Ward, Engineer II

20 Years

Firefighter Arnold J. Barrow
Lieutenant Raul G. Castillo
Lieutenant David P. Conrad
Master Technician
Phillip M. Duckwitz
Firefighter Michael L. Frames
Lieutenant Peter M. Graham
Captain I Mark Guditus
Captain I Richard J. Hanson
Lieutenant William B. Harlowe
Captain I Brendan B. Harris
Lieutenant Charles H. Hile, III
Lieutenant Gareth R. Hilton
Lieutenant James J. Istvan
Lieutenant Michael A. Istvan
Captain I John L. Leete
Lieutenant Gerard J. Morrison
Technician James A. Potter
Captain II Jerome A. Roussillon
Master Technician
Barbara G. Schirmacher
Firefighter Peter M. Spring
Lieutenant Timothy C. Walker
Battalion Chief Michael L. Wood
Captain II Christine N. Woodard

25 Years

Battalion Chief William L. Bullock
Lieutenant James A. Downey
Captain II Robert C. Dube
Master Technician Robert E. Mallon
Captain I Robert M. Mohler
Assistant Chief Michael P. Neuhard
Captain II Lawrence Nyers
Captain II Christopher M. Peterson
Master Technician Richard A. Pettey

Lieutenant Edward C. Snyder
Captain I James C. Summers

30 Years

Battalion Chief Dewey H. Perks
Battalion Chief John S. White

Retirements

Bernard D. Bickham
October 2, 1967 - April 19, 2002

James H. Jakubowski
March 19, 1973 - May 31, 2002

Reid F. Marcey
September 3, 1974 - May 16, 2002

Willie B. Sheard
May 21, 1979 - April 19, 2002

Edward C. Snyder
January 3, 1977 - May 31, 2002

James E. Watson
September 3, 1974 - May 31, 2002

New Hires

Cathy Thompson
Laurie E. Varnau
Elizabeth V. Beckner





Station Profile

Edsall Road Fire and Rescue Station #26

Captain II
Thomas V. Wolfe
Station Commander

Station constructed: 1974

Station specialty: Haz-Mat satellite rescue company and foam unit. Motto: "Guardians of the Slab – First due where the world passes through."

Square miles in first due area: 6.1

Specific hazardous/target areas: More miles on the interstate highway system than we care to think of, including the "Mixing Bowl" construction project; Washington Gas Virginia Headquarters; Washington Post printing facility; Shirley Industrial Park; VRE Railroad; Robinson Terminal; Atlantic Research Corp; Southern Iron Works; and Verizon Switching Center that serves as a back-up to the Public Safety Communications Center.

Total calls in 2001: 6,742

Equipment assigned to station: Engine, foam unit, rescue company, medic, reserve suburban, and reserve squad.

Station personnel: **A-Shift:** Captain I Robert T. Kevan, Lieutenant Jason R. Jenkins, Lieutenant Thomas W. Ryan, Lieutenant Elton N. Wright, Master Technician James E. Wilkerson, Technician Everette N. Chewning, Technician David A. Neilan, Technician Steven D. Norris, Technician David P. Tobin, Technician Rodney H. Woodward, and Firefighter John P. McGee. **B-Shift:** Captain II Thomas V. Wolfe, Lieutenant David K. Gruendel, Lieutenant Wayne B. Stottlemeyer, Lieutenant Kea A. Zimmerman, Master Technician Mitchell D. Lake, Master Technician Steven T. McFarland, Master Technician John W. Richter, Technician Keith W. Cierzullo, Technician Terrance L. Fayson, and Technician James T. Franklin. **C-Shift:** Captain I Larry E. Jenkins, Lieutenant Michael J. Garcia, Lieutenant James J. Masiello, Lieutenant Edmond D. Monseur, Master Technician Jeffrey R. Allen, Technician Anthony L. Cabrera, Technician Thomas A. Ferguson, Technician Eric D. Moore, Technician Robert W. Scott, Technician Terry J. Snyder, and Firefighter Glenn W. Dressler.

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